

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 128

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Congressman Marsha Blackburn on being honored by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in paying tribute to Congressman Marsha Blackburn on her special commendation by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women is a grassroots, volunteer political group that works throughout the State to promote Republican values and help Republican candidates gain election to office; and

WHEREAS, lauded by that esteemed organization for her remarkable achievements as a Republican woman, Congressman Marsha Blackburn was a founding member of the Williamson County Young Republicans and former chair of the Williamson County Republican Party, serving as a delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention; and

WHEREAS, a former executive director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment & Music Commission, Congressman Blackburn was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in 1998 and served in the 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies, rising to the position of Minority Whip before winning election in 2002 to the United States House of Representatives as the first woman in Tennessee history to be elected to Congress without following her husband; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in Washington, Congressman Blackburn has rendered sterling service as a member of the Budget Committee, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Subcommittee on Communications and the Internet, the Subcommittee on Health Care, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade; and

WHEREAS, an assistant whip in the 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> Congress and deputy whip of the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, Congressman Marsha Blackburn is the communications chair for the National Republican Congressional Committee and the former communications chair of the Republican Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, a founder of the Republican Women's Policy Committee, she is also a member of the Reliable Energy Caucus and the International Conservation Caucus, and the co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Songwriters Caucus; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Congressman Blackburn enjoys the love and support of her husband, Chuck, and their two children, Mary Morgan Ketchel and Chad Blackburn, and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Congressman Marsha Blackburn be recognized for her commitment to public service and her lasting legacy to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Congressman Marsha Blackburn on being honored by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, and applaud this most fitting tribute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.